

Remarks / Explanations

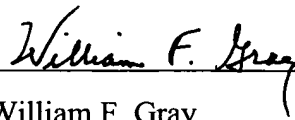
As a result of this preliminary amendment, claims 1-11 and 15-21 are pending in the application. Claims 12-14 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 have been amended. New claims 15-21 have been added.

New claims 15-18 recite matter deleted from original claim 5. New claims 19-21 replace original claims 12-14.

No new matter has been added.

This preliminary amendment revises the claims to place them in the more usual US form, and corresponds to the preliminary amendment which was employed in the parent application (Serial No. 09/980,243). However, the subject matter which was allowed in the parent application has not yet been deleted from this application to have it constitute a divisional application in proper form. The previously-allowed subject matter will be deleted in a subsequent preliminary amendment.

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